PARTS OF ARGUMENT

Essay Title: “Anthem” Society

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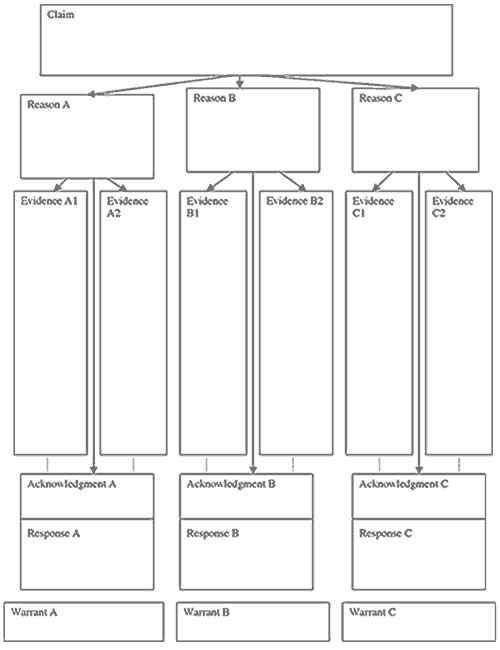
Directions: Correctly identify the parts of the argument for your assigned essay.

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| 1. Claim | Debatable statement that forms the main point of an argument. (Sometimes called a thesis statement.)  **What do you think?** |  |
| 2. Reasons | Arguments that help support the main claim.  (These allow you to break a broad claim into smaller, more precise sections.)  **Why do you think so?** |  |
| 3. Evidence | Personal experience, outside authorities, facts, and statistics that support subclaims. (Stands by itself; the evidence is not debatable, though its interpretation may be.)  **How do you know you’re right?** |  |

The three main elements—claims, reasons, and evidence—are the foundation for most academic arguments.

**Additional elements:**

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| 4.  Acknowledgement and Response | Admission of possible counterarguments, reassertion of your argument. (Strengthens your argument by adding subtleties.)  **It may be argued that \_\_\_\_. However, I’m still right because \_\_\_\_.** | **Acknowledgement:**  **Response:** |
| 5. Warrants | Assumptions that underlie your argument. (Usually left unstated, if you can assume your reader shares them). **What am I assuming?** |  |



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